# Gimme Shelter News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

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## **Cat Independence Month**



In honor of Independence Day, the Loudoun County Animal Shelter is hoping to help its cats gain independence – in the form of loving homes – during the month of July with a **special adoption fee of \$4 for all cats and kittens** (spay/neuter fees still apply as needed). This is a \$16 savings for cats age 7 and under and a \$6 savings for cats over age 7.

Adopters can visit with cats Monday-Thursday and Saturdays at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, located off Route 9 in Waterford, And.

the shelter's Mobile Adoption Vehicle will be filled with cats looking for homes on **Sunday, July 19 at the Dulles Town Center Mall from 2:00 – 4:00pm** (near the Cheesecake Factory).

Cats are naturally independent creatures, but that does not mean that they are

aloof. In fact, cats outrank dogs as America's # 1 pet, and it is easy to see why. Cats are affectionate, playful, and loyal. They make wonderful pets, and their self-sufficient nature means they are often easy to care for and adapt well to busy schedules.

Cats don't require long walks or outside "potty breaks" and are content to stay indoors for a nice long nap and some playtime. They don't need to be housebroken, as they instinctively know to use a litter box. All they ask is for you to show them where it is and to keep it clean!



Cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time (as long as the food, water, and litter box are well attended). They are happy to entertain themselves, though they often enjoy having a kitty companion to pal around with.

Indoor cats live on average from 18-20 years, and are loveable lifetime friends. All cats adopted from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter are spayed or neutered prior to adoption and are microchipped.

Cats available for adoption can be seen online at www.loudoun.gov/animals!

#### **Mobile Adoption Keeps Rolling!**

The mobile adoption vehicle made two stops in June and helped three animals find new, loving homes!

If you haven't seen the vehicle yet, be sure to stop by Dulles Town Center Mall on **Sunday**, **July 19 from 2:00—4:00pm**. It will be there with lots of wonderful animals looking for new, loving homes!

And, keep checking our website at www.loudoun.gov/animals for the latest news and updates on mobile adoption stops. We will soon be announcing stops in Leesburg, Sterling, and other areas all around the County!





## Web Changes

If you've visited

www.loudoun.gov/animals lately, you may have noticed some changes! We are working on making the site more up to date, with even more content.

When you first visit the homepage, be sure to scroll down to see the **Featured Pet** under the links on the left hand side. You could see someone new with each visit!

And, we now have **video** of animals available for adoption! When you visit the Animals for Adoption pages, you'll see a yellow note for the pets with videos. Just click on their photo to see the video. (Some users with restricted access to YouTube may not see the videos embedded in the page; there is a text link to find the video online).

Finally, if you want to know the latest news and updates from the Department, you can subscribe to our **Twitter** feed.
Just visit

www.twitter.com/loudounanimals to learn what we're up to and to follow us.

Approximately 50% of our adopters report learning about their animals online, and we hope these changes help to give our website visitors more information about our pets, along with upcoming events and news. In the coming weeks, you'll find even more updates as we make the site easier to navigate and post even more resources. If you have questions or comments about the website, just email us at animals@loudoun.gov. Be sure to check it out!

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## **Employee of the Month**

Angelica Robinson is June's Employee of the Month! Angie being recognized for her excellent and unselfish work as an Animal Care Technician. She is specifically being recognized for her efforts to ensure that everything was taken care of on a day when many staff members were scheduled to go to training. She is also being recognized for her assistance in cleaning the new mobile adoption vehicle. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others with their work and promoting a team spirited

environment is highly commendable. Her efforts and work ethic have a direct impact on the entire operation and demonstrate her dedication and commitment towards both the animals and citizens of the County.

Thank you Angie for all you do!



**Congratulations Angie!** 

### What We're Up To

#### **On Air Appearances**

Be sure to listen to 92.5 WINC-FM at 8:00AM on Thursday,
July 9, for our Pet of the
Month! And then, tune in to
FOX 5 Midday news on
Friday, July 17 to see our pets
live in action. You might find
your new best friend!

#### **Holiday Schedule**

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be closed Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Normal shelter hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Animal Control is available for emergency services by calling 703-777-0445.



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